What is...



Mixed Use

Mixed use is a part of Smart Growth, it focuses on integrating land use to create a more walkable, vibrant community with convince and transportation ideals built in. It is a way to respond to market demand while ensuring that an area stays pedestrian scale, or feels comfortable to walk around. Mixed use allows for multiple types of development in one area like residential next to businesses creating an environment for economic vitality, livability, and less dependence on cars

- Common forms of mixed use may include having first floor retail or business and upper floors have housing.
- There are many forms of mixed use and can be mixed and matched to best fit with the community
- Requires zoning that allows mixing of types of land use
- Allows for increased walkability
- More thoughtful land use

Benefits

- Promotes transportation choices, reducing auto usage.
- Results in efficient use of existing land, infrastructure, and services, and supports the revitalization of community centers and neighborhoods by encouraging reuse and infill.
- Fosters a sense of place through the creation of mixed-use centers that combine residential uses with economic activity.

Sources: https://www.completecommunitiesde.org/planning/landuse/mixed-use-development/